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1. SUMMARY. FRG OFFICIALS GENERALLY SHARE US VIEWS ABOUT
SUBSTANCE AND TACTICS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION IN CSCE CONTEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE MET WITH APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS FROM FRG FOREIGN OFFICE AND TECHNOLOGY
MINISTRY ASAP AFTER RECEIPT OF BRIEFING MATERIALS
MENTIONED PARA 4, REF. A. FRG APPRECIATES US PAPER ON
S&T (REF B) AND FINDS IT AN ACCEPTABLE STATEMENT OF
PROBLEM AND TACTICS. TECHMIN OFFICIAL OBSERVED,
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HOWEVER, THAT FRG WOULD NOT RPT NOT WISH NOMINAL

TREATMENT OF THEIR PROPOSED SCIENTIFIC FORUM
CONTAINED IN THIS US PAPER TO BE LAST WORD ON THIS
SUBJECT. FRG PLANS TO EXPAND THIS CONCEPT AND
INTRODUCE IT AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

3. IN FRG VIEW, WESTERN TACTICS AT CSCE SHOULD FIRST
FOCUS ON THE OBSTACLES TO S&T COOPERATION WITH THE
EAST. IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY WRONG, THEY BELIEVE, TO
TABLE A SHORT LIST OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS EVEN IF THIS
LIST WERE PURELY ILLUSTRATIVE. IF OBSTACLES TO
COOPERATION ARE NOT FIRST IDENTIFIED AND RESOLVED,
PREMATURE DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL PROJECTS (WHICH
EASILY SELECTED FROM TOO-SHORT LIST) RISKS DIVERSION OF
DEBATE TO TOPIC ON WHICH WESTERN CONSENSUS MORE DIFFICULT
TO ACHIEVE.

4. FRG REPS ARE ALSO APPALLED BY DIFFICULTIES OF
COORDINATION DURING FORTHCOMING CSCE ECONOMIC SESSIONS.
THEY ANTICIPATE SEPARATE CONSULTATIONS AMONG EC NINE,
NATO FIFTEEN AND WITHIN THEIR OWN DELEGATION WHICH
WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE DURING TIGHTLY-
SCHEDULED INITIAL PHASES OF MEETING.

5. DR. GOESELE, CHIEF OF OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, FRG MINISTRY OF RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY, WILL PROBABLY BE S&T MAN ON FRG
DELEGATION.
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